

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): HARDWOOD FLOORING ASSEMBLY SYSTEM AND METHOD

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- ☒ 18 pages of Specification/Claims 1-7/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-20; 7 sheets) are attached.
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and _____ reference(s).
☒ **This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.**
☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.
☐ Priority of foreign application No. _____ filed _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

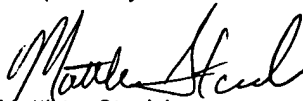
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

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